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In re Application of:)
Takeshi MIYAZAKI, et al.) Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: 10/603,613) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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For: IMAGE FORMATION METHOD) August 5, 2003
AND APPARATUS)

Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed patent documents are also enclosed.

STATEMENT/PETITION/FEE

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Official Action has not been received in the above-identified application, neither a Statement, Petition, nor payment of a Fee is required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any Fee, which may be deemed necessary in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

REMARKS

U.S. Patent No. 5,081,596, Japanese Patent Document No. 7-205548, Japanese Patent Document No. 7-223362 and Japanese Patent Document No. 11-277814 are discussed at least at page 3, in either one or both of paragraphs [0006] and [0007] of the specification.

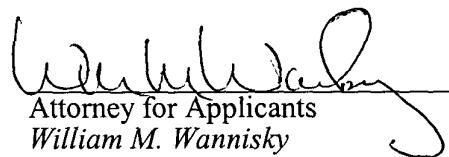
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address given below.

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